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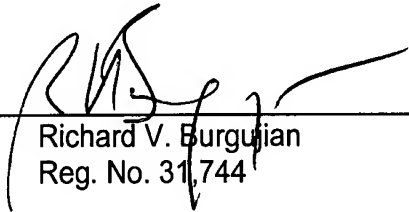
Applicants have canceled claims 1-27 and added new claims 28-32 so that claims 28-32 remain pending for examination. Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of the pending claims.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

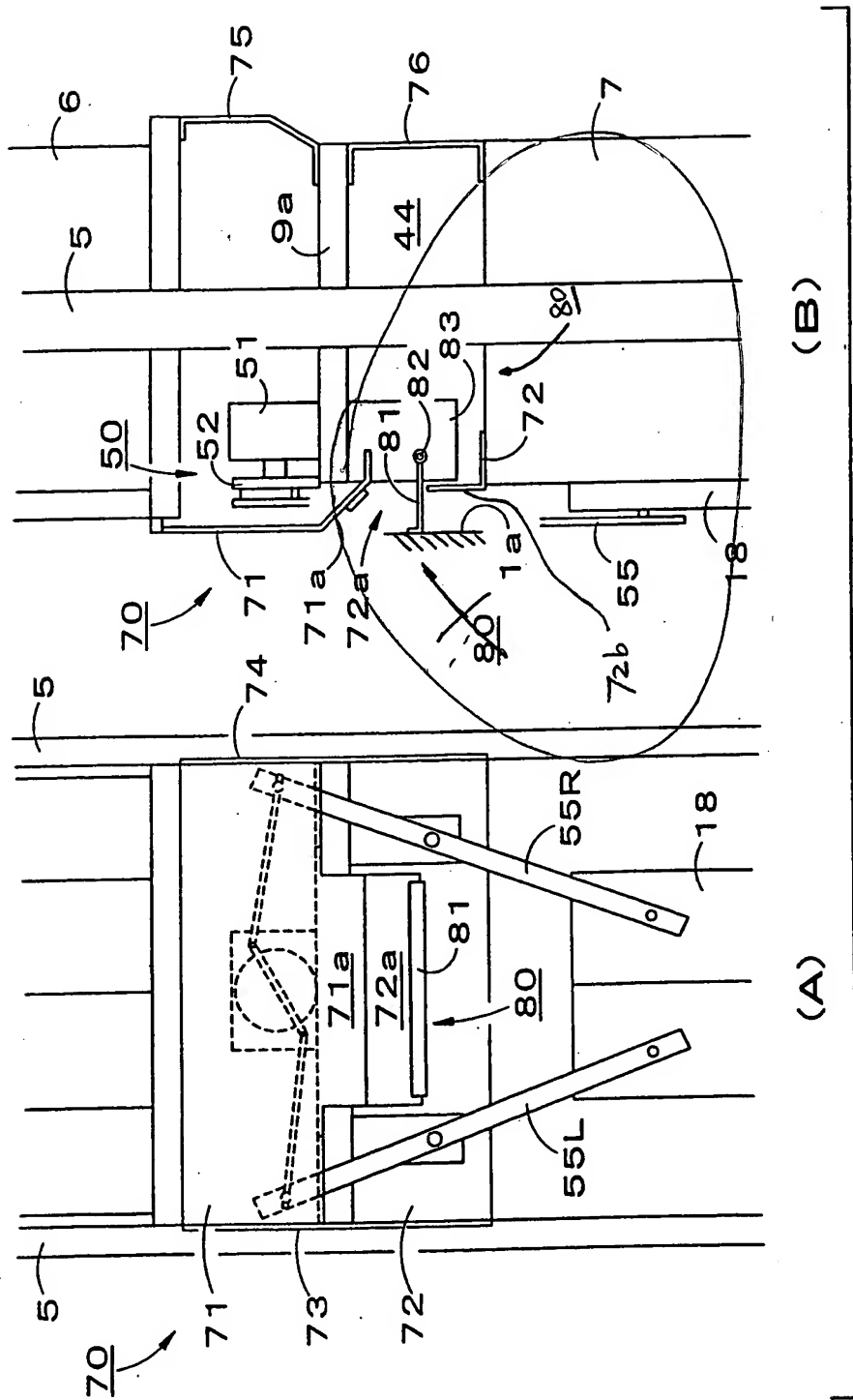
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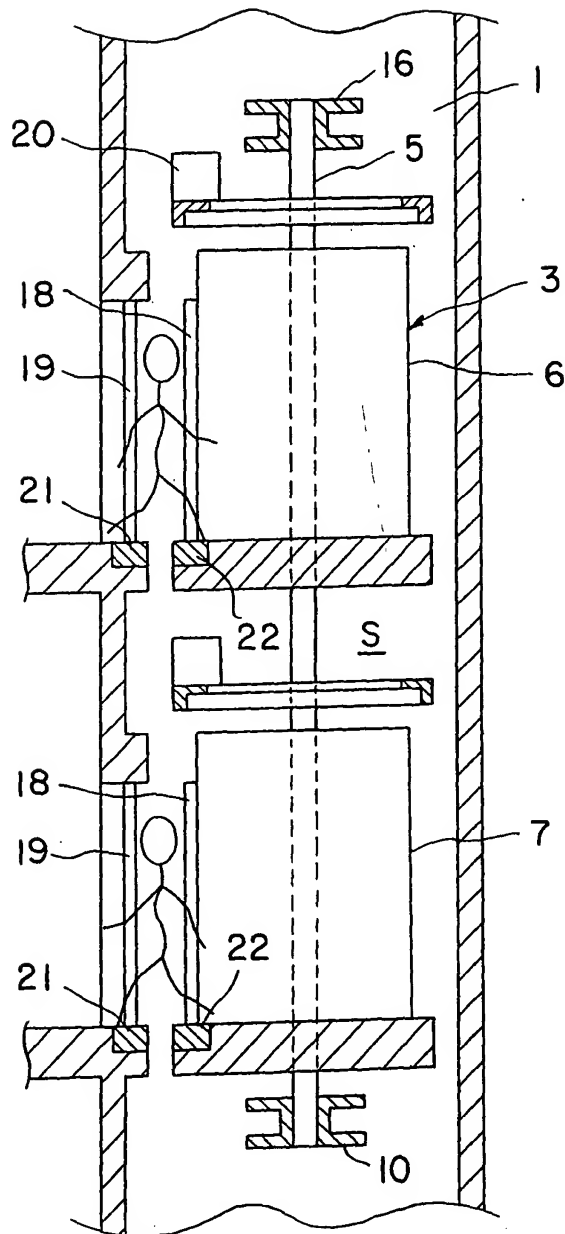


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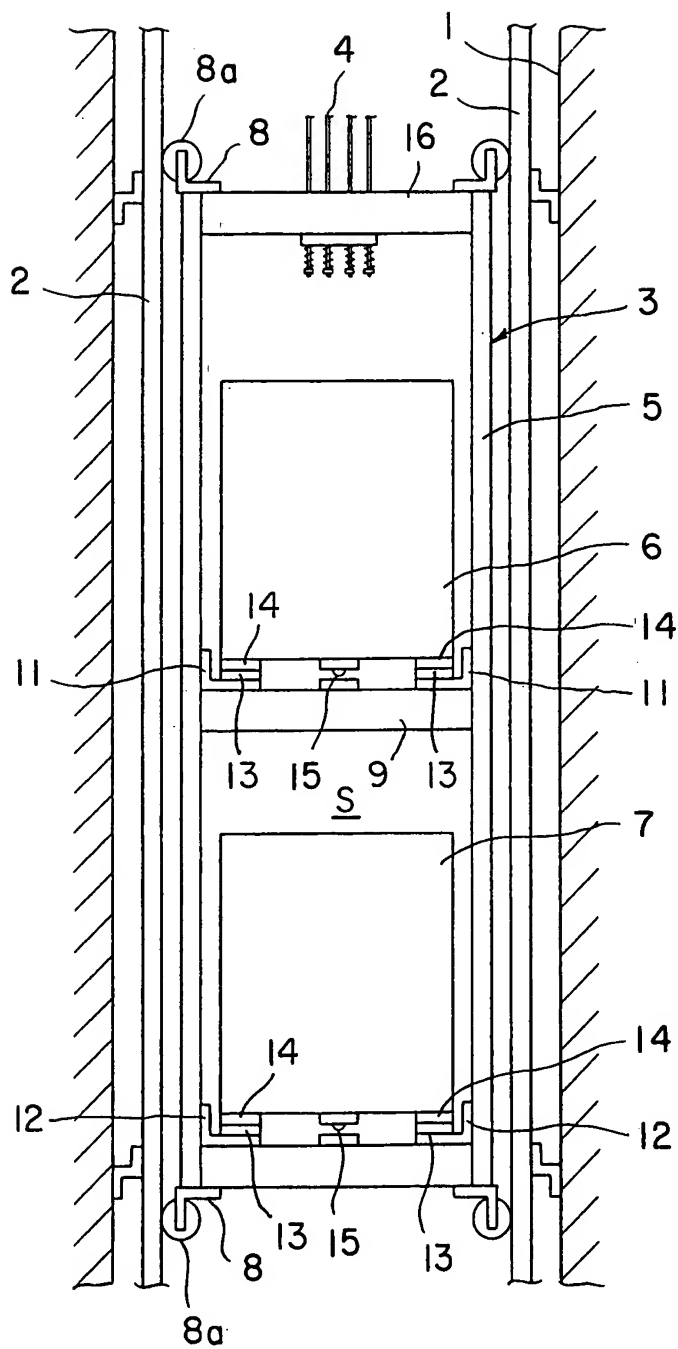


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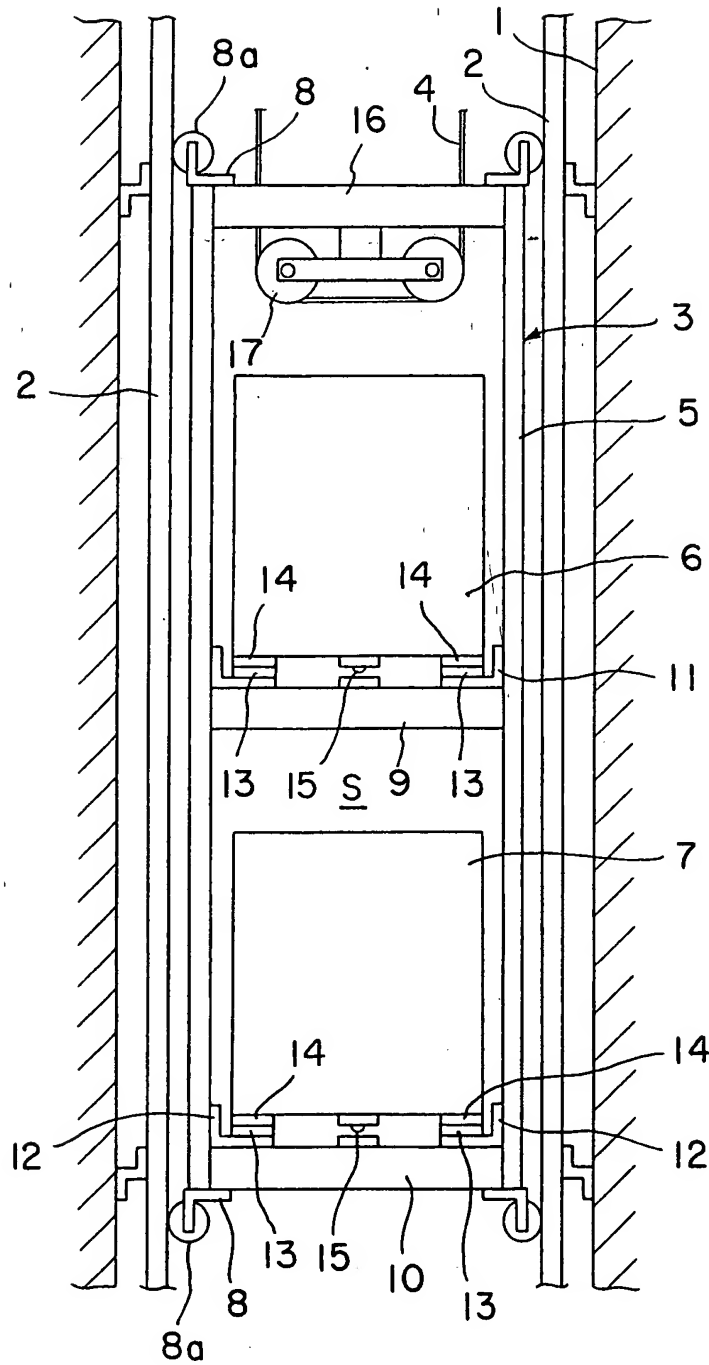


FIG. 25
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